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PRESIDENT HAMID KARZAI IN KANDAHAR, THE HEARTLAND OF THE TALIBAN INSURGENCY AS NATO TROOPS RUSH TO START WITHDRAWING COMBAT TROOPS AFTER A DECADE OF WAR.

INITIAL DETAILS WERE SKETCHY, WITH A FAMILY FRIEND TELLING AFP ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY THAT HE WAS KILLED BY A BODYGUARD WHILE ENTERTAINING GUESTS AT HOME AND AN AFGHAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICIAL SAYING HE WAS SHOT DEAD BY A GUEST.

"WE CAN CONFIRM HE HAS BEEN MARTYRED," KANDAHAR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ZALMAY AYUBI TOLD AFP, PROVIDING NO FURTHER DETAILS.

A HEALTH OFFICIAL, ALSO SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THE INFORMATION, SAID WALI KARZAI HAD BEEN SHOT DEAD.

"HE WAS SHOT DEAD AT HIS HOUSE BY ONE OF THE VISITING GUESTS NOT BY A BODY GUARD, AT AROUND 11:30 AM (0700 GMT)," SAID AN OFFICIAL AT AFGHANISTAN'S INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF SECURITY.

THE OFFICIAL SAID THE GUNMAN HAD HIMSELF BEEN KILLED BY OTHER BODYGUARDS.

THE FAMILY FRIEND SAID A NUMBER OF WALI KARZAI'S GUESTS WERE ALSO KILLED IN THE GUNFIRE, BUT THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION OF WHO OR HOW MANY.

THE ASSASSINATION CAME JUST BEFORE THE AFGHAN LEADER RECEIVED FRENCH PRESIDENT NICOLAS SARKOZY, ON A SURPRISE VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN WHERE HE ANNOUNCED THAT PARIS WOULD RECALL 1,000 SOLDIERS BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

WALI KARZAI, HEAD OF KANDAHAR'S PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, WAS FOR YEARS A DEEPLY CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE, DOGGED BY ALLEGATIONS OF UNSAVOURY LINKS TO AFGHANISTAN'S LUCRATIVE OPIUM TRADE AND PRIVATE SECURITY FIRMS.

AMERICAN DOCUMENTS LEAKED BY INTERNET WHISTLEBLOWER WIKILEAKS LATE LAST YEAR PAINTED HIM AS A CORRUPT DRUGS BARON, LIFTING THE LID ON WESTERN THOUGHTS LONG KEPT PRIVATE ON THE PRESIDENT'S YOUNGER HALF BROTHER'S TAINTED RECORD.

KANDAHAR IS A MAKE-OR-BREAK BATTLEGROUND IN THE US-LED FIGHT TO DEFEAT THE INSURGENCY, WHERE THE UNITED STATES HAS POURED IN THOUSANDS OF EXTRA TROOPS TO WREST THE INITIATIVE FROM THE TALIBAN AND BOLSTER THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT.

AFGHANISTAN IS RANKED ONE OF THE MOST CORRUPT COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, WHERE OFFICIAL GRAFT UNDERMINES PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE WESTERN-BACKED GOVERNMENT AND IS BELIEVED TO HELP FUEL SUPPORT FOR THE TALIBAN INSURGENCY.

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A US CABLE IN 2009 SAID A MEETING WITH WALI KARZAI CAPTURED ONE OF THE "MAJOR CHALLENGES IN AFGHANISTAN: HOW TO FIGHT CORRUPTION AND CONNECT THE PEOPLE TO THEIR GOVERNMENT, WHEN THE KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE THEMSELVES CORRUPT."

WALI KARZAI, WHO RAN HIS OWN PRIVATE MILITIA IN THE PROVINCE, IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THE PLETHORA OF INDEPENDENT SECURITY FIRMS RUN BY DIFFERENT MEN IN THE REGION SHOULD BE BROUGHT UNDER THE CONTROL OF ONE MAN.

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH TALIBAN (U)

SOURCE: CHENNAI THE HINDU ONLINE IN ENGLISH 16 JUL 11 (U)

TEXT:

EDITORIAL: "AN ASSASSINATION IN AFGHANISTAN" (U)

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THE KILLING OF **AHMED WALI KARZAI** HAS CREATED MORE UNCERTAINTIES IN
AFGHANISTAN. THE CONTROVERSIAL HALF-BROTHER OF THE AFGHAN
PRESIDENT HAMID KARZAI, SHOT DEAD AT HIS HOME BY A MAN IDENTIFIED
AS A TRUSTED FAMILY AIDE, WAS THE LEADER OF THE PROVINCIAL
COUNCIL OF KANDAHAR, WHICH IS OFTEN DESCRIBED AS THE COUNTRY'S
STRATEGIC CENTRE. IT IS HERE THAT THE TALIBAN WAS BORN AND IS
MOST POWERFUL. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2010, KANDAHAR HAS BEEN THE
FOCUS, ALONG WITH NEIGHBOURING HELMAND, OF NATO AND U.S. MILITARY
EFFORTS TO CONTAIN THE TALIBAN BEFORE THE PLANNED WITHDRAWAL OF
TROOPS. AHMED WALI WAS SEEN AS CRUCIAL TO THESE EFFORTS. HE RAN
KANDAHAR LIKE A POTENTATE, WITH HIS SEEMINGLY UNLIMITED SUPPLY OF
MONEY AND GUNS, AND HE WAS KNOWN AS AN ARTFUL MANIPULATOR OF
PASHTUN TRIBAL POLITICS, BOLSTERING HIS BROTHER'S FRAGILE

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PRESIDENCY IN A HOSTILE REGION. HE MAINTAINED CONTACTS WITH THE TALIBAN, AND WAS CONSIDERED PIVOTAL TO EFFORTS AT NEGOTIATING WITH THEM. AT ONE TIME, IT SEEMED THAT U.S. OFFICIALS IN AFGHANISTAN WERE TRYING THEIR BEST TO OUST AHMED WALI. THEY WERE WORRIED THAT HIS REPUTATION FOR BEING CORRUPT AND RUTHLESS -- HE WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE SIPHONED OFF CHUNKS OF INTERNATIONAL AID MONEY AND TO HAVE A ROLE IN THE LUCRATIVE NARCOTICS TRADE -- WOULD HURT THEIR EFFORTS TO WIN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF AFGHANS. PRESIDENT KARZAI AND HIS BROTHER STAUNCHLY DENIED THE ALLEGATIONS. FINALLY, WASHINGTON DECIDED IT WAS WISER TO CO-OPT HIM, AND HE BECAME A TRUSTED ASSET IN SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN. IN ANY CASE, AS THE NEW YORK TIMES REVEALED IN OCTOBER 2009, HE WAS ON THE CIA'S PAYROLL FOR HELPING IT RAISE A SECRET PARAMILITARY FOR ANTI-TALIBAN OPERATIONS.

IT IS UNCLEAR IF THE MAN WHO KILLED AHMED WALI DID SO OUT OF PERSONAL MOTIVES OR ON THE ORDERS OF THE TALIBAN, EVEN THOUGH THE TALIBAN HAVE CLAIMED THE ASSASSINATION. SINCE 2010, THEY HAVE CARRIED OUT A NUMBER OF HIGH-PROFILE KILLINGS IN KANDAHAR -- THEIR VICTIMS INCLUDE THE PROVINCIAL POLICE CHIEF, THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR, AND THE DEPUTY MAYOR. THE ELIMINATION OF AHMED WALI, WHO SEEMED AT TIMES TO WIELD MORE INFLUENCE THAN HIS BROTHER, HAS LEFT THE GOVERNMENT IN KANDAHAR IN DISARRAY. IT HAS CERTAINLY WEAKENED PRESIDENT KARZAI, EVEN THOUGH ANOTHER BROTHER HAS TAKEN OVER AS HEAD OF THE POPULZAI TRIBE TO WHICH THE KARZAIS BELONG. THE ASSASSINATION COMPLICATES THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EFFORT IN KANDAHAR; IT HAS REMOVED A LINK TO THE TALIBAN AND COULD PROVE A SETBACK TO DRAWING THEM INTO NEGOTIATIONS. THAT THE DEATH OF ONE MAN WITH A REPUTATION BEYOND NOTORIOUS CAN HAVE SUCH FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES IS THE TRAGIC REALITY OF AFGHANISTAN TODAY -- AND OF THE BRUTAL WAR IMPOSED ON ITS PEOPLE BY THE UNITED STATES.

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SUBJ: AFGHANISTAN: **AHMED WALI KARZAI** DENIES RUMORS OF KILLING IN
KANDAHAR EXPLOSION (U)

SOURCE: BENAWA.COM IN PASHTO 16 APR 10 (U)

TEXT:

Report by Lodin: "**Ahmed Wali Karzai** Did Not Sustain Any Harm in
the 15 April Explosion" (U)

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Some media organizations had reported that **Ahmed Wali Karzai**, the
brother of President Hamid Karzai, was also killed in the 15 April
explosion. However, the Kandahar Province's officials denied the
reports. **Ahmed Wali Karzai** himself told Benawa.com by a telephone
that he was safe and that he was not at the site of explosion.

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AFP REPORT: "TALIBAN CLAIM ASSASSINATION OF KARZAI BROTHER" (U)

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KABUL, JULY 12, 2011 (AFP) - THE TALIBAN CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT HAMID KARZAI'S YOUNGER BROTHER
ON TUESDAY, CALLING IT "ONE OF OUR BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENTS" IN
NEARLY A DECADE OF WAR.

TALIBAN SPOKESMAN USUF AHMADI TOLD AFP BY TELEPHONE THAT THE
GROUP HAD RECENTLY ASSIGNED A GUNMAN TO **KILL AHMED WALI KARZAI**, A
HUGELY POWERFUL AND CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE IN THE AFGHAN SOUTH.

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